Welcome to the Vance minute. I'm Joe B. Wiles with the Public Affairs Office...

Members of the Vance Enlisted Spouses Group spent the past few weeks collecting items for the Enid Young Women's Christian Association Crisis Center and Halfway House.

They decided to organize the collection drive because they felt the effort could help make a difference, said Staff Sgt. Nichole Curran, a member of the Spouses Group.

They placed collection boxes in high-traffic areas on base, asking for donations of items ranging from clothing and blankets to laundry detergent and dish soap.

On September 12th, the Spouses Group delivered the donations to the YWCA, where they will be used to help women escaping domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Savage and Airman First Class Kyle SERE earned an upgrade in their skill levels. Sergeant Savage is now a 7-level and Airman SERE is a 5-level. They both maintain the navigation and landing systems on the airfield, helping Vance's student pilots safely train to become world-class aviators.

That's your Vance Minute...have a great Air Force day.